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Evaluation [REDACTED]

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The subject paper is a historical sketch of Soviet agriculture, which, with its treatment of developments from the abolition of serfdom to the Sixth Five-Year Plan, spans a period of more than 100 years. A study encompassing such a time period in the space of 75 pages must, of necessity, be of a general nature. However, the author limits the historical background material to the first third of the paper, reserving the remaining portion of the text for a somewhat more detailed exposition of the postwar reconstruction of Soviet agriculture, and post-Stalin agricultural developments.

It appears that the author of the paper has availed himself of the standard sources in the field, and most of the statistical data in the paper is in substantial agreement with information available to OPR.* Beyond this, the paper suffers if compared to standard works in the field (e.g., Volin, A Survey of Soviet Russian Agriculture((UNCLASSIFIED)); Yasný, The Socialized Agriculture of the USSR ((UNCLASSIFIED)); [REDACTED]

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25X1C [REDACTED] Although the paper indicates the author's familiarity with the field, he has presented few new conclusions, and the work contains little analysis of the data which is presented in the paper.

In addition to the lack of analysis, the paper also suffers from a bias, which, in some instances, is extreme. The following excerpts aptly demonstrate this point:

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In relation to the staffing of farm enterprises in the "New Lands" area the author states:

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Although the first quotation is based on historical fact, it is overstated. The author presents no evidence in support of the second assertion, and this office has no information which would tend to verify the statement.

* Lack of documentation seriously detracts from the value of the study.

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In conclusion, the subject paper is of little or no value to this office because of its deficiencies, i.e., 1) its superficial nature; 2) the lack of analysis; 3) the lack of new or valid conclusions; and 4) lack of objectivity.

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